

I am writing this letter in response to the pending ruling on taxation of Wireless Internet Access. I gave up a good position in a large corporation to start my own business. It is my hope to bring affordable broadband to rural desert communities, specifically Southern California Desert Communities.

It has been my experience that the communities that I serve desire to simplify their life. More to the point they want to reduce the cost of living so they can enjoy a better quality of life. The desert lacks many of the comforts that city life brings. Many do not have cable TV and at best poor radio reception. Some areas don't even have public electricity relying on solar battery power. Our company is dedicated to serving these families. The Internet is a source of education, news, email, entertainment, and for most, a way to stay in touch with loved ones. I am able to provide a service where there is no power or phone and yet the school age can have the same Internet access as the kids in town. Not to mention the stay at home moms that sell crafts to help support their home.

I did not factor any additional costs. I would have to pass on the costs onto my customers. With the margins being so slim I would suggest that adding an extra burden to the local broadband users at this time would be poor timing at best. They know how to do without and probably would do so before they could experience the advantages of the Internet.

I urge that you would reconsider any additional taxation.